

Thank you for your efforts to increase the number of LPFM stations on the air and to strengthen the viability of those stations that are already operating.

Since going on the air I have been a listener to local LPFM station WPVM broadcasting on 103.5 MHz. A major problem for listening to WPVM has come from a non-local station WIMZ in Knoxville, also operating on 103.5 MHz. I hope that you will institute changes needed to reduce or eliminate this problem. While WIMZ broadcasts from two hours away their interference is massive in many areas of the WPVM broadcast signal area. Because of our unique mountainous terrain the distance separation formula is inadequate to protect WPVM's signal. WPVM needs to use contour protection.

Signal problems in mountainous terrain are one more good reason why LPFM stations should be permitted to employ translators. I can see no good reason why LPFM stations should be singled out by not allowing them translators.

As I understand it, the FCC's own studies demonstrate that third channel adjacent spacing has been rendered unnecessary by current technologies. Please eliminate this outdated rule to allow for more LPFM stations and to help WPVM with its interference problem from WIMZ. Thanks again for your efforts on behalf of LPFM.